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Stated Meeting, May 16, 1890.

Present, 22 members.

President, Mr. FRALEY, in the Chair.

Correspondence was submitted as follows:

Letters of envoy were received from the Observatoire Physique Central, St. Petersburg; Royal Observatory, Greenwich; Literary and Philosophical Society, Liverpool.

Letters of acknowledgment were received from the Institut Egyptien, Cairo (128, 129, 130); Bureau des Longitudes, Paris (126); Library of the University of California, Berkeley (126, 127, 129, 130).

Letters of acknowledgment (130) were received from Societas pro Fauna et Flora Fennica, Prof. Otto Donner, Helsingfors, Finland; Comité Géologique de la Russie, Observatoire Physique Central, Prof. Serge Nikitin, St. Petersburg; K. Zoologisch Genootschap, Amsterdam; K. Zoologisch-Botanisch Genootschap, The Hague; Bataafsch Genootschap der Proefondervindelijke Wijsbegeerte, Rotterdam; Prof. Dr. Japetus Steenstrup, Copenhagen; Société Vaudoise des Sciences Naturelles, Lausanne; K. Bibliothek, Berlin; Verein für Erdkunde, Dresden; Editor of "Cosmos," Mr. A. Des Cloezeaux, Comte Hyacinthe de Charencey, St. Maurice-les-Charencey, Paris; Royal Dublin Society, Dublin; Cambridge Philosophical Society, Cambridge, England; Dr. John Evans-Hemel, Hempstead; Yorkshire Geological and Polytechnic Society, Chevinedge, Halifax, England; Royal Institution, Local Government Board, Dr. Joseph D. Hooker, Sir John Lubbock, London; Mr. Joseph S. Harris, Philadelphia.

Accessions to the Library were reported from the Linnean Society, N. S. Wales; Anthropological Society, Tokyo; So-

ciété Impéreale des Naturalistes, Moscow; Physikalische Central-Observatoriums, St. Petersburg; Prof. Hugo von Meltzel, Dr. M. Faths, Kolozsvár, Hungary; Société de Physique, etc., Geneva; Ronsdon Observatory, Devon; Royal Observatory, Greenwich; Literary and Philosophical Society, Liverpool; Rhode Island Historical Society, Providence; Cornell University, Ithaca; Editor of "The Nation," New York; State Librarian of New Jersey, Hopewell; Zoölogical Society, College of Physicians, Franklin Reformatory Home for Inebriates, Mr. Henry Phillips, Jr., Philadelphia; Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore; National Academy of Sciences, Mr. Lester F. Ward, Washington, D. C.; Elisha Mitchell Scientific Society, Raleigh, N. C.; University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa; Prof. James B. Angell, Ann Arbor; Public Library, Peoria, Ill.; Geological Survey of Missouri, Jefferson City; Commissão Geographica Geologica, S. Paulo, Brazil.

Pending nominations Nos. 1209, 1210, 1211 and 1212 were read, spoken to and balloted for.

The proceedings of the Board of Officers and Council were submitted.

The Secretaries reported that the paper presented by Dr. Bonwill at the last meeting of the Society should appear, if at all, in the Transactions and not in the Proceedings.

On motion, the President was authorized to appoint at his leisure a committee of three members to examine and report upon the same.

Prof. Cope made a communication on "The Dinosauria of the Laramie Formation," illustrating the subject with many fossil specimens.

Prof. Ryder presented a paper entitled "On the Origin of Sex through Cumulative Integration and the Relation of Sexuality to the Genesis of Species."

On motion of Mr. Tatham, the Society adopted the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1. That whenever the Committee on Extended Accommodations, charged with the alteration and improvement of the building,

shall have perfected the plans and specifications for the same and have had a contract prepared for the execution thereof, the President and Treasurer of the Society shall be and are hereby authorized to execute such contract under the corporate seal of the Society.

Resolved, 2. That said Committee, in conjunction with the Curators and the Committee on the Hall, be authorized to rent a suitable place or places to which to remove the Library, Portraits and other Collections and to have such removals effected in such manner as will secure the property from injury, and to continue the insurance thereon against loss by fire, and also to rent a suitable room in which the Secretary and Librarian can transact the business of the Society until the Hall can be reoccupied.

Resolved, 3. That the Treasurer be authorized to make payments upon the contracts for the alterations and improvements and of other expenses incident to the removal.

Resolved, 4. That the Librarian of the Society be added to the aforesaid Committee as a member thereof.

The following resolutions, offered on behalf of the Trustees of the Building Fund, were adopted:

WHEREAS, The American Philosophical Society, at a meeting held on October 5, 1866, did adopt a preamble and resolution setting forth that it was "expedient for the security of the books and property of the Society there should be erected a fire-proof building," and did thereby also provide for the appointment of Trustees of and the raising of money for a Building Fund and to "continue to invest and reinvest all principal, interest and income of said fund until this Society shall determine to build for itself a fire-proof building, and make commencement thereof, and then to pay to the Treasurer of the Society out of the proceeds of such investments such sums as the Society shall from time to time direct to be paid to him for that purpose."

AND WHEREAS, The Society, on April 25, 1890, after having had plans for the alteration of their Hall submitted to them, authorized and empowered their Committee on Extended Accommodations to enter into negotiation for alteration of their present building in accordance with the plans then presented, or such modifications of them as might be suggested by the Committee or its architect.

AND WHEREAS, The said plans have been so modified by the Committee as to make said Hall a fire-proof building; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Trustees of the Building Fund of the American Philosophical Society be directed to pay to the Treasurer of the Society

out of the proceeds of the investment held by them such sums as will be necessary to pay for the addition and improvement to the present Hall of the Society, so as to make it a fire-proof building.

Resolved, That the Trustees of the Building Fund of the American Philosophical Society are hereby authorized and directed to sell and dispose of the City Loans and other securities held by them, and to make and execute the necessary transfers and assignments thereof so as to vest in the purchasers a full title to said securities.

The Committee on the Franklin Centennial Commemoration reported that it had duly taken place, and presented bills amounting to $258.93, which were ordered to be paid, and on motion the Committee was discharged.

The Special Committee on the Purchase of the Baird Portrait reported progress and was continued.

The Society adopted the following resolution reported from Council:

Resolved, That hereafter 250 copies of "separata" of papers published in the Proceedings be furnished to the author if requested by him, and that Council recommends that the Society should request the Secretaries to inquire how far it would be practicable in the present state of its finances to adopt a resolution to issue the Proceedings more frequently than at present.

All other business having been finished, the Tellers counted the ballots cast for the respective candidates and reported the result to the President, who declared the following to have been duly elected to membership in the Society:

2179. Prof. George S. Fullerton, Philadelphia.

2180. Robert Patterson Field, Philadelphia.

2181. Rev. Heman L. Wayland, D.D., Philadelphia.

2182. Charles Godfrey Leland, London.

And the Society was adjourned by the President.